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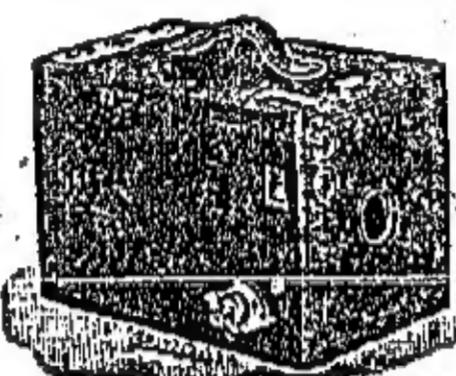
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(P. W. D.), of a daughter. (217)

MARRIAGE.

On the 3rd August, at St. James' Church, Van-  
couver, B.C., by the Rev. T. Evans Clinton,  
PERCY HOBSON, second son of the Rev. T. H.  
HOBSON, of Whalley Range, Manchester, to  
NELLIE GERTHE, only daughter of WILLIAM  
COWPER, of Moseley, England. (216)

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVOUX ROAD.  
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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1904.

FARMERS themselves, if their chronic  
grumbling be evidence, agree in accepting  
a similar view of tillage to that embodied in  
Genesee, and consider that the labour in-  
volved in extracting nourishment from the  
bosom of Mother Earth is more of a curse  
than a blessing. Certainly, there are signs  
of sincerity about their complainings, for  
although vast tracts await their attention,  
these undeveloped spaces of Canada, Siberia,  
China, Australia—and elsewhere—are  
allowed to remain unproductive. In Great  
Britain, even, a land which our American  
friends are pleased to regard as overcrowded,  
and so small that the sightseer from the  
States is in danger of inadvertently stepping  
off into the sea on his walks abroad, the  
greater possibilities of agriculture must still  
be considered latent and unguessed. And  
this is in spite of us, ink-smeared, idea-  
cultivating folk, who are fond of preaching  
"the gospel of Soil-labour;" that no man  
can win greater honour by his life-work  
than by labouring faithfully, wisely, undis-  
mayed among the good, sweet, reasonable  
earth. She (the soil) may seem to play  
with the patient farmer, may seem to thwart  
his efforts, destroy his work's fruition for  
very wantonness; but in the long run, a  
man earns the just price of his labour. The  
land will give him troubles, disappointments,  
to try his mettle, and afterwards she will  
atone to him a hundred-fold if he go for-  
ward with the plough." Thus do we talk

and write, and wonder that there is no  
responsive rushing "back to the land." We are apt to rhapsodise, moreover, from  
the bone-coddling recesses of the padded  
chair, on the delights of the strenuous life,  
the physical pleasures of exertion, and the  
consequent joy in ease that is thereby  
earned. Well, the farmer, perhaps, knoweth  
his own bitterness: In China, for example,  
his "lot is not a happy one." He has,  
truly, theoretical honour in the land. The  
Chinese, when defining academically  
the social status of their own people,  
esteem the tiller of the ground as only  
one degree lower than the scholar who  
is, *de facto et de jure*, of the first estate.  
Neither the merchant nor the artisan, suc-  
cessful or otherwise, enjoys the social prestige  
(on paper, in books, documents, proclama-  
tions, precepts, and exhortations) of the  
Chinese agriculturist. Every year, we are  
told, at the spring equinox, farming for  
T'ung-yan and Hün-jün is given its seal of  
Imperial, and therefore divine, approbation  
by the custom which compels the Emperor  
to plough in the Temple of Agriculture at  
Peking, and thus, metempsychotically expressing  
it, to lay the foundation of the next harvest.  
In the provinces, a like duty is expected of,  
and performed by, the viceroys and  
governors. Yet in spite of these aristocratic  
typifications of the national importance of  
agriculture, there are enormous areas of  
good land left waste or fallow. This, also,  
in spite of that remarkable official generosity  
which has made a custom of allowing five  
untaxed harvests to the farmer who reclaims  
and puts into till any hitherto unyielding  
soil. In practice, the Chinese farmer does not  
receive the respect that legend and  
literature has proclaimed his due, probably  
because nothing fails like failure. By that,  
it must not be understood that the Chinese  
farmer fails to make his farm productive.  
How should he, when the soil is so rich, and  
lots still richer only wait working, and  
when he is credited with an "unremitting  
toil" that fully exemplifies "the never-  
tiring industry" of his nationals? But  
alas! getting and keeping are two different  
matters. There are the robbers, licensed  
and unlicensed, to reckon with. The Peking  
people recognise that an agricultural com-  
munity gives less trouble to its rulers than  
any other, but their efforts to encourage  
the growth of such peaceful populations  
have been nullified by their  
failure to exercise effective government over  
those subjects who neither toil nor spin, and  
no less so by their lack of supervision over  
a rapacious officindom. Peking has, as the  
virile speech puts it, bitten off more of Asia  
than Peking can chew. Just now in the  
province of Kwangsi, the deplorable state  
of agriculture is particularly apparent.  
Hundreds of acres are laid waste again, and  
the patient toil of the farmer rendered of  
no account by the idle rebel. The Kwangsi  
governor has "memorised" to the effect  
that the farmers are afraid to work, that  
nine out of every ten houses are empty, and  
that there should be a remission of taxes in  
consequence. It would appear from this  
and numerous other examples that the  
foreign politician's scrupulous regard for  
the "integrity of China" is on a par with  
the worship of a myth; and that it is our  
sacred duty to follow BETSEY PRIG into  
scepticism, and to decline our belief that there  
"ain't no such puss."

All the books and  
all the authorities go to show, as do these  
current events, that China has not that  
"local motion" which, according to BACON,  
"keepeth bodies integral."

Yesterday's plague return: nil.

Six Indian constables, returned from leave  
were yesterday re-enlisted in the Hongkong  
Police Force.

Mr. H. H. Hussey, late chief officer of the  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. s.s. *Yilson*,  
has been appointed captain of the *Lobsang*.

Capt. Parr, Acting Commissioner of Customs at  
Yatung, succeeds Mr. Brazier at Kowloon, and  
Mr. V. Henderson is appointed Acting  
Commissioner at Yatung.

At Sutherland Street a collapsing house has  
had to be propped up; another at Pokfulam  
Road; and another in Des Vouex Road West—  
as a result of the recent rains.

Our senior contemporary at Shanghai  
announces that on the premises of the new  
"Garden Club" there is a "large ladies' reception  
room." It does not say what accommodation  
is provided for ladies less large.

There is a great commotion noticeable in  
Armenia. It is considered to be a consequence  
of the Russian defeat in the Far East.  
Turkey is taking extensive measures. She is  
mobilising the fourth army corps.

Colonel Dovt of Misnitsky, lately in com-  
mand of the Russian Legation Guard, a man of  
giant size, who was very popular in North  
China, was captured by the Japanese at Teliulze,  
and is now a prisoner in Japan.

No officer who has seen the city once, says  
one of the telegrams from Lhasa, is desirous  
of visiting it again. It is in a state of extreme  
filth.

The Shanghai Mixed Court has fined three  
members of the Ningpo Guild of Carpenters  
\$100 each for intimidation, and compelled them  
to sign an undertaking that they would not  
again interfere with the free employment of  
labour. The Chinese guild system seems to be  
trade unionism run mad.

A Shanghai broker's coachman was fined a  
few days ago for furious driving. It appears  
that in Shanghai the "Jehu pidgin" is  
necessary for the business, and during the  
forenoon's wild dashes from Bank to Bank and  
office to office, the ordinary public-taxi refuge  
in any corner or byway available.

The military authorities of Seoul have  
decided to reduce the number of troops in  
Seoul to 3,000. These will then take the rank  
and duty of policemen with their present  
officers as sergeants of police. This will  
largely increase a useful department and  
abolish a number of useless so-called soldiers.

The clergyman's frock, as a cloak for mis-  
deemours, has gone out of fashion in England  
since Thomas à Becket made his great but  
ineffectual stand. In China, however, it still  
has its value. A defendant escaped a whipping  
in the Mixed Court on the 1st instant, says the  
*N.C. Daily News*, on the ground that he was  
"in holy orders."

"Joss Chinchin Joss" in the *Singapore Free  
Press* takes two columns in which to describe  
Bangkok as a place nobody ought to go to. He  
says he endured six days of Bangkok. An  
American would have expressed it better by  
saying he spent some years there in the week  
ending such and such a date.

It is stated that a Korean recently wrote to  
the Japanese Minister requesting him to per-  
suade the Korean Government to enforce the  
cutting of their subjects' hair. Instead of  
wishing them to get their hair cut, better  
advice, the *Korea Daily News* thinks, to all  
parties concerned, in the present state of  
affairs, would have been to "keep your hair on."

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, a police magistrate from  
the New Territory, was yesterday administered  
(by H. E. the Governor, assisted by Mr. Ross,  
clerk of councils) the oath of allegiance and  
the magistrate's oath, in which he swore to serve  
truly and well as a police magistrate at Hong-  
kong, administering justice impartially.  
Mr. J. B. Wood has taken Mr. Wolfe's place  
in the New Territory.

M. Beau, the Governor-General of Indo-China,  
has signed an order interdicting the circulation  
in Indo-China of Japanese or Chinese pictures  
or plans relating to the Russo-Japanese war.  
The circulation of a Japanese journal "which  
had commenced to extend in the Colony" has  
also been interdicted. This information appears  
in *L'Indo-Chinois* under the heading, "A Good  
Measure."

The *Kobe Herald* illustrated war supplement  
(No. 2) is out, having been delayed in consequence  
of the doubts as to what the Japanese censor  
really believed admissible matter. It brings the  
diary up to May 15th. We like well the  
arrangement, appearance, and matter of the  
letterpress, but (in our copy at any rate) the  
apparently excellent photographs have quite  
failed to "come out." It is, however, a good fifty  
cents' worth.

Says the Ceylon Postmaster-General's Ad-  
ministration Report for 1903:—A very dirty  
letter was found in the Colpetty letter box  
posted six days after its date. The writer had  
given it to a servant to post; the servant put it  
in his coat pocket and forgot it, and the coat  
with the letter went to the laundry. The servant  
found the letter when he put the coat on  
again, and posted it without telling his master.  
The *Straits Times* wants to know how the  
P.M.G. found all that out.

The *Japan Daily Mail* contains a vigorous  
article on "The Shanghai Question," in  
which it says: "What is certain is that if  
Russia ships attempt hereafter to take refuge  
in any Chinese port, they will be at once  
followed and captured by the Japanese. Russia  
has demonstrated not only that she snaps her  
fingers in the face of China's neutrality, but  
also that China has neither will nor competence  
to enforce her neutrality. In fact, Russia has  
extended the arena of the war to all Chinese  
ports."

The new *Kiutou* light-vessel was launched  
without ceremony from Messrs. Farnham,  
Boyd & Co.'s Floating yard on August 29th,  
and anchored in midstream, awaiting completion  
and the erection of her light. She has been  
built to the designs of Mr. J. R. Harding,  
Chief Engineer of the I.C.S. at Shanghai, and  
there are only about two other ships of her  
particular character in existence. She is of  
steel and will be gas-lit, and it is hoped to  
get her into position in about a month's time  
or less.

In a neighbouring foreign Colony something  
like consternation has been caused in official  
circles by a certain state of affairs which has  
arisen. Recently the British Vice-Consul went  
on leave, and as his *locum tenens* there was  
appointed the Commissioner of Chinese Customs.  
One can see that it would hardly suit the book  
of the officials to have these dual positions  
merged in one foreigner who would be able, as  
it were, to use both ends of the wire in carrying  
out his double duties. What the outcome will  
be remains to be seen. The officials, however,  
in all probability will protest in vain, for the  
right of the Consul-General to appoint whom  
he likes as Vice-Consul seems unquestionable.

In the Supreme Court, Singapore, on the  
30th ult. judgment was given in favour of the  
owners of a junk against the *Catherine Anne*  
in an action claiming damages for collision. The  
steamer was declared to be solely to blame.

The *Piñang Gazette* speaks in highly favour-  
able terms of the singing of Mr. "Will" Lans-  
downe, the vocalist who was detained so long in  
Hongkong by a severe illness. Mr. Lansdowne  
was entertained and entertaining at a "cigarette  
smoker" at Peking, run by the local amateurs.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
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Tseung, Shin Cheung, Ku On, Li Cheung,  
Yat On, Wai San, Tan Tong, and Lai King Co.

The Seoul-Fusan Railway Company recently  
applied for £300,000 yen subsidy to complete  
the construction of its line. The Government  
has decided to advance the company £150,000  
yen as a grant-in-aid for this purpose. The  
difference between the sum requested and the  
sum advanced will be made good by the  
curtailment of the expenditures of the company.  
As to the method of redemption, it is reported,  
says the *Japan Daily Advertiser*, that no re-  
payment will be made for five years, during  
which period no interest will be exacted. After  
the lapse of this period the subsidy will be re-  
paid in yearly instalments of about 50,000 yen.

The Administration of Salt Revenue in  
Burma reports, *inter alia*, that "the most  
marked feature of the year's trade in foreign  
salt was the attempt made by the shippers of  
Liverpool salt to recover the position which was  
held by salt of British manufacture up to the  
year 1894. Imports of this salt rose from  
332,474 maunds to 579,236 maunds and the pro-  
portion of the total imports increased from 24  
per cent. (1902) to 42 per cent. The total  
quantity of German salt imported decreased  
slightly, and the proportion fell from 59 per  
cent. to 57 per cent. The import of salt from  
other foreign countries and other provinces of  
India in the course of the year was unpre-  
dictable."

The case of Mr. A. W. Symons, who figured  
in the Supreme Court on Monday in connection  
with a claim against him by a Chinese con-  
tractor for building a thatched roof, serves as still  
another instance of the clashing that occurs  
between some of the Government departments.  
Mr. Symons is a workman's proprietor. For the  
housing of his show he obtained the permission of  
the P.W.D. to erect a thatched. This was done.  
Then a Sanitary Board inspector came along and ordered that the thatched be pulled  
down as being inflammable and dangerous.  
This order had to be obeyed, and the proprietor  
was forced to erect canvas sides and roofs, thus  
being put to double expense by the carelessness  
of someone or other of the P.W.D. servants.

## DEATH OF MR. A. C. WESTALL.

The number of residents of Shanghai who  
were contemporaries of Mr. Alfred Charles  
Westall is getting very small, but there are still  
a few to whom the news of his death on the  
23rd of July last means a very heavy personal  
loss, and there are still a great many who knew  
him well and loved him as one of the kindest-  
hearted and most popular men who ever came  
to China. He came here, says the *N.C. Daily  
News*, considerably more than forty years ago  
to the firm of Smith, Kennedy & Co., in which  
his brother Robert, who died from *fluocid*  
only last year, was one of the partners. "Dad"  
Westall, as he was affectionately called,  
soon became one of the leading men here. He  
and the late Mr. E. W. Batt laid out the pre-  
sent ground of the Shanghai Cricket Club; he  
was an enthusiastic racing man, a most valuable  
member of the A.D.C., a Shanghai Ringer,  
and afterwards a *Mih-bo-ling*; in fact, he was a  
keen sportsman all round. And he was a  
hard-working business man withal. His wife,  
who was most popular here, died some years ago,  
and he leaves a daughter and four sons  
who, we are glad to know, are well provided for.  
He was one of the men who made Shanghai

what it is. He died in harness, being struck  
down in his office in London by apoplexy, and  
the only intelligible remark he made after he  
was taken home to die was to ask after one of  
his sons, who had just undergone successfully  
an operation for appendicitis.

## PROGRESSIVE CANADA.

Within the past five years Canada's total  
trade has increased by 65 per cent.; that of the  
United States, 33 per cent.; that of Britain, 19  
per cent. Canada's foreign trade is 83 dols. *per capita*; that of the United States only 35 dols.  
Her revenue is 12.49 dols. *per capita*, and her  
expenditure 9.60 dols.; the United States  
revenue being 7.70 dols., and expenditure, 7.04  
dols. The public debt of Canada is but 66 dols.  
*per capita*, while that of her sister common-  
wealth—Australia—is 230 dols. Canada's over-  
sea trade last year was 451,000,000 dols.—more  
than double that of Japan; almost equal to

Russia's. Her merchant shipping tonnage ex-  
ceeds Japan's; her railway mileage is half that  
of Russia.

Canada is centring all her efforts on capturing  
the British market. Her exports of foodstuffs  
to Britain increased in value from 27,747,562  
dols. in 1892 to 78,10,532 dols. in 1902. The  
British Isles import, roughly, four-fifths of their  
breadstuffs, and the proportion is growing. The  
wheat acreage in those islands in 1875 was  
3,737,000, with a population of 31,000,000, while  
in 1901 the acreage had dropped to 1,957,000,  
though the population had grown to 41,000,000.  
—*American Review of Reviews*.

## TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

BRITISH ARMY MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, 4th September.  
Unusual Army manoeuvres have begun.  
General French's force which embarked at  
Southampton sails to invade East Anglia  
where General Lord Methuen defends.

ALLEGED FOREIGN PIRACY  
AT SHANGHAI.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## V.R.C. AQUATICS.—2ND DAY.

Yesterday was the second day for the annual Victoria Recreation Club aquatic sports. Racing commenced at 4.30 p.m. There was a fair attendance. Results were:

## BUDDLE RACE.

A two-length handicap. First and second in each heat to swim in the final. First prize: presented by Hon. W. J. Grosson; 2nd: presented. Starters:

1st Heat. 2nd Heat.

C. F. Ozorio, owes 8s. H. Kennett, owes 10s. J. W. Bains, 10s. H. Lammert, 12s. H. Lammert, 11s.

3rd Heat. 4th Heat.

J. A. S. Alves, 9s. F. Ellis, 6s. E. Herbst, 10s. H. Kinnear, 12s. C. F. Ozorio, 11s.

1st Heat. J. W. Bains, 50 sec. 1.

C. F. Ozorio, 1.

2nd Heat. H. S. Kennett, 45 sec. 1.

3rd Heat. E. Herbst, 51 sec. 1.

4th Heat. C. Humphreys, 1.

As there were only two starters in each heat, except one, and the firsts and seconds are to swim in the final, all the starters, excepting H. A. Lammert, have another chance.

## BOYS' RACE.

Nine to 13 years. A two-length handicap. Sons and brothers of members only. Postponed. First prize: presented by Mr. A. A. Souza; 2nd: presented. Starters:

Albert Ellis, B. Muskett, Arthur Ellis, H. Livesey, Tom Jex and Harry Bran.

1. Harry Brundt, 2.

2. B. Muskett.

In spite of a very big handicap little Muskett came in second to Harry Brundt, an easy first.

Time: 1 min. 5 sec.

## COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

A six-length (200 yd.) contest. Open to all comers. First prize: presented by Hon. R. Shawan; 2nd: presented. Starters:

J. Fisher, J. Witchell, C. Humphreys, N. H. Alves, R. C. Witchell, C. J. Cooke, and W. Osborne.

1. C. G. Cooke, 1.

2. J. Witchell.

R. Witchell gave place for a swift race. The last length was hardly fought. Cooke winning by about half-a-yard.

Time: 2 min. 37 sec.

## DIVING FOR PLATES.

First prize: presented by Messrs. Kuhn & Komor; 2nd: presented. Starters:

J. Witchell, E. Humphreys, N. H. Alves, R. C. Witchell, C. J. Cooke, J. H. R. Hance, F. H. Roza Pereira, C. F. Ozorio, A. Loureiro, J. E. Ellis, J. M. Roza Pereira, H. C. Austin, A. J. Mackie.

1. C. J. Cooke, 1.

2. R. C. Witchell.

3. F. M. Roza Pereira.

R. Witchell arrived back first, swimming on his back, with three plates; and was followed by Cooke with four plates. F. M. Roza Pereira brought up three plates.

## FOUR LENGTH HANDICAP.

First and second in each heat to swim in the final. First prize: presented by Mr. F. W. White; 2nd: presented. Starters:

1st Heat. J. E. Ellis, 10s.

2nd Heat. F. Ellis, owes 7s. W. Andrews owes 2s.

H. Lammert, 18s. J. R. Pereira, 18s.

A. V. Barros, 20s. H. Lammert, 18s.

H. C. Saver, 22s.

R. C. Witchell, 25s. J. Witchell, 25s.

3rd Heat. 4th Heat.

A. J. Mackie owes 3s. E. Herbst owes 15s.

P. Remedios, 15s. E. Herbst owes 15s.

J. H. R. Hance, 10s. A. J. Reibero, 15s.

C. Humphreys, 25s. C. J. Cooke, 25s.

N. H. Alves, 25s.

1st heat. A. V. Barros, 1 min. 43 sec. 1.

2. C. Witchell.

SPRINGBOARD RUNNING HEADERS.

First prize: presented by Mr. E. Osborne; 2nd: presented. Starters:

J. Witchell, C. Humphreys, J. W. Bains, W. T. Andrews, R. C. Witchell, C. J. Cooke, J. H. R. Hance, and Frank Jorge.

C. Humphreys, 1.

Frank Jorge, 1.

3. J. Witchell.

This was a very pretty event. The Judges' decision was considered a good one.

## PLUNGING.

First prize: presented by Ho Tung, Esq.

2nd: presented. Starters:

J. Witchell, N. H. Alves, W. T. Andrews,

R. C. Witchell, C. J. Cooke, J. H. R. Hance,

A. V. Barros, F. M. Roza Pereira, F. Ellis,

A. Loureiro, J. E. Ellis, and J. M. Roza

Pereira.

1. R. Witchell, 47 yards 9in.

2. C. Cooke, 46 yards 9in.

3. A. Loureiro, 40 yards 1in.

## MARKS FOR CLUB'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

The marks up to date for the Club's championship are:

C. J. Cooke, 32.

J. Witchell, 25.

R. C. Witchell, 14.

C. Humphreys, 4.

Frank Jorge, 1.

E. Humphreys, 1.

A. V. Barros, 1.

F. M. Roza Pereira, 1.

A. Loureiro, 1.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 6th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly in S. China and in the Philippines and fallen also slightly in Japan.

Gradients still continue very slight upon the China Coast and over the China Sea and Pacific. Light variable winds and calm weather will prevail generally, with occasional local thunderstorms.

Forecast:—Light variable or E. winds, fair. N.B.—Telegraphic communication with Hongkong is still interrupted.

## SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 6th September.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUISNE JUDGE).

## TINER MERCHANTS' CLAIM.

Tan Kan, trading as Lee Kee Tseung, timber merchants on the West River, sued the Chu Lee Loong timber shop, Mongkok, for \$571.50, being balance due for timber sold and delivered, and costs. Mr. H. Hursthorne, of Messrs. Denys and Bowley, solicitors, appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Hursthorne stated that the action was undefended. Mr. d'Almada, the defendant's solicitor, had withdrawn from the case.

Tan Kan in being called deposed that he had from time to time sold timber to the defendant firm. At present there was a balance outstanding to the amount of the sum sued for, which balance he had been unable to recover.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

Mr. Hursthorne said that they had been informed that defendants very early that morning had commenced to remove their goods from the shop. Would his Lordship issue an order of execution?

His Lordship granted the order.

## POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 6th September.

## BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## OBSTRUCTING THE TRAMS.

Inspector Colloff charged eleven men with obstructing the trams. On his way to the court, at the junction of Des Voeux Road and Connaught Road West, he found some 20 stalls right on to the tram line. Trams using the thoroughfare would, of course, have to take to the centre of the road. The complainant telephoned to West Point for a batch of constables in plain clothes, and arrested the eleven defendants.

Mr. Kemp fined the men only \$1 each, as it was the first case before the Court of obstructing the trams.

## ASSAULT.

A European, charged on remand, with assaulting an Indian constable at Tsimshatsui, was fined \$20.

## BOILING OPIUM.

A Chinese earth coolie was fined \$150 for boiling opium.

Two Chinamen, charged on remand with deserting from the ss. *Tak Sang*, were convicted. One of them was sentenced to one month's imprisonment; and the other to three weeks' imprisonment.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Two men were charged with unlawful possession of filthy rice sweepings. One was fined \$50; and the other was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

## WATER POLICE CASES.

Six men were fined \$25 each for dumping rubbish into the harbour.

A man was fined \$25 for not exhibiting a light on his boat at night.

A man was fined \$15 for causing an obstruction at Tsimshatsui Wharf.

The captain of the ss. *Curt Diederichsen* was fined \$30 for stowing pigs and chickens placed in pliable baskets, four and five high.

## LARCENY.

A tailor was charged with stealing clothing from his employer. He said his master had paid him no wages for two months. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

## ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

A man was charged with committing an armed robbery at Hung Hon on the 17th ult. It is said that four men entered a house. One was armed with a revolver, one with an axe, and another with a chopper. A man and woman were in the house: they were knocked down, and had their hands tied behind their backs while the place was ransacked.

Money, clothing and jewellery was stolen from the house to the value of \$140. The defendant was arrested at Shaukiwan on the 30th ult.

Two women, in connection with this case, were charged with receiving stolen property. The case was remanded.

## BEFORE MR. E. D. C. WOLFE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

Several opium cases were heard in the Small Court.

## HARBOURING A WIFE.

A Chinaman was charged with harbouring another man's wife at Kowloon City. Complaint was a Hakka man and his wife a Punti woman. The latter said she had to e trees and grass, and her husband did not give her enough to eat.

Defendant was fined \$100 or three months' hard labour.

## GOLD DISCOVERY IN JAPAN.

A rich vein of gold is reported to have been discovered in Iwate prefecture (Japan). According to a vernacular contemporary, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, Sengoku district, in Iwate prefecture, has long been known as being rich in minerals, but hitherto very little gold has been worked. It being believed that gold existed, charters have been obtained for the purpose of making trial diggings, and some of these have been found to promise well. Recently the Government sent experts to inspect the diggings, and as a result a large vein of gold was discovered. Consequently the district has not been declared by the Finance Department to be reserved as a mining exploration zone.

As a result of investigations made up to the present, the extent of the vein and the quality of the gold produced are stated to be unrivalled in the country. If the expectations formed are justified, the Sengoku district of Iwate prefecture is likely to become the largest gold-producing district in Japan.

## THE U.S. CONSUL AT SHANGHAI.

The *Journal of the American Asiatic Association*, a copy of which has been sent to us, publishes an extraordinary petition which has been presented by American residents of Shanghai to the President, reflecting on Mr. John Goodnow, the Consul-General of the United States at Shanghai. It is signed by thirteen missionaries and seven representatives of foreign firms, including among the latter the managers of the American Trading Company and the China and Japan Trading Company. We say that the petition is extraordinary because it is so curiously vague in its terms. It rings no specific charge against the Consul-General, and admits that in a court of law the signatories could not be permitted to testify to any particular act to show that the standing of a man was not good, but it relies on the phrase "general reputation." The petition commences by saying that the signatories know the official standing of Mr. Goodnow, have heard that standing generally discussed, and desire to bring it to the attention of the President. It then proceeds as follows:

"In a court of law we could not be permitted to testify to any particular act to show that the standing of a man was not good, but we would be asked if we knew his general reputation. Acknowledging the justice of this principle, we do not, therefore, propose to direct Your Excellency's attention to any one act, but we state that the official standing of the Consul-General is not good, and that his course here has not inspired the confidence of the substantial foreign residents of this port. We do not feel safe under his administration, and we deeply regret to write that we do not."

"We are loyal to our flag, and we beg that you will have it represented by a man who embodies in his official conduct its high mission."

We do not know what allegations are made against Mr. Goodnow, but we should think that the petition is unique in making charges in general terms without descending to particulars.

It has been often said that United States Consuls in the Far East are at the mercy of the American Mission Boards, who are powerful enough to have any Consul removed unless he takes steps on every occasion to show sympathy with their work. To judge from the course taken by the missionary gentlemen of Shanghai there would seem to be a good deal of truth in the statement. In signing this remarkable petition they set out their various offices in full, as thus—F. R. Graves, Missionary Bishop Protestant. Episcopal Church; F. L. Hawks Pott, President of St. John's College, Shanghai; A. P. Parker, President Anglo-Chinese College; Robert E. Lewis, Foreign Secretary International Committee Young Men's Christian Associations; and so on for all the thirteen names. At the bottom appear the signatures of the seven commercial representatives, whose sense of justice might have been expected to prevent them from attaching their names to a document so worded that it was impossible for the person assailed to make a reply. "We understand that the result of the petition has been that an investigation has been made by the U.S. Department of State. There may be grave causes of complaint against the U.S. Consul-General at Shanghai, but the petition and its publication while the inquiry was in progress scarcely shows the possession of a keen sense of justice among his accusers." *Kobe Chronicle*.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Superintendent, Hongkong, 7th September, 1904. [2169]

NOTICE CONVENING SECOND EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Bank Premises, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 1904, at 12 o'clock NOON, when the Resolution set out below, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 3rd day of September, 1904, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

## RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be reduced from £1,000,000, divided into 50 Shares of £1 each (Founders' Shares), and 99,925 Shares of £1 each (Ordinary Shares), to £399,475, divided into 99,925 Shares of 27 each; and that such reduction be effected by writing off the whole amount paid or credited as paid on each of the 750 Shares of £1 each and cancelling those Shares, and by writing off £3 per Share, part of the sum of £8 per Share which has been paid or credited as paid on the 40,458 Shares of £10 each which have been issued, and by reducing each of the 99,925 Shares of £10 each to a Share of £7.

By Order,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 7th September, 1904. [2170]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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## "HAIMUN."

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., at 2 p.m.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamship

## "AUSTRALIEN."

Captain Vernon, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 12th instant.

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THE NAGASAKI HOTEL, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company are required on and before the Seventeenth day of October, 1904, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their Debts or Claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, PERCY JAMES BUCKLAND, of Nagasaki, Japan, the liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidators are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this Eleventh day of August, 1904.

P. J. BUCKLAND, Liquidator.

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Swatow, 5th June, 1904. [2160]

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. [2163]

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The property will be sold subject to (a) a Mortgage dated the 27th January, 1903, made between Choy Chung of the one part and U Yan of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 34116 and to the principal sum of \$10,000 and interest and other money thereby secured; (b) a Mortgage dated the 27th June, 1901, made between the said Choy Chung of the one part and Tam Mu Hing of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 34116 and to the principal sum of \$20,000 and interest and other money thereby secured; (c) an Equitable Charge dated the 22nd July, 1903, made between the said Choy Chung of the one part and Tam Kin of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 35436 and to the principal sum of \$2,000 and interest and other money thereby secured; and (d) a Mortgage dated the 10th June, 1904, made between the said Choy Chung of the one part and Li Hing Yui of the other part and registered at the Land Office by Memorial No. 35799 and to the principal sum of \$10,000 and interest and other money thereby secured.

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The Solicitors having the conduct of

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1904. [2127]

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

## NOTICE.

WE have This Day admitted Mr. ALFREDO JORGE VIEIRA RIBEIRO a Partner in our Firm.

J. C. Dos REMEDIOS & CO.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1904. [2129]

## NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of Mr. J. H. DERBYSHIRE in America, Mr. FRED. J. MAXEY, the representative of the Singer Manufacturing Co. for Western and Northern China, will take charge of their interests in Hongkong and Southern China; and Mr. H. KEMPE will sign Pro. in Hongkong.

Any letters of importance or information can be addressed to Hongkong or Shanghai, care of The SINGER MANUFACTURING CO.

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, on SATURDAY, the 10th SEPTEMBER, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Consulting Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th SEPTEMBER, both days inclusive.

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1904. [2070]

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, will be held at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO.'S OFFICES, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 1904, at 12.15 P.M., when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company on the 31st day of August, 1904, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 10,000 new Shares of \$50 each.

2. That such new Shares be issued at a premium of \$50 per Share and be offered to those persons who are registered as Shareholders of the Company on 1st October, 1904, in the proportion of one new Share for every complete three Shares held by them on 1st October, 1904.

3. That the amount due for the new Shares be called up on 31st December, 1904.

Dated the 1st September, 1904.  
By Order of the Board,  
EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

## ISSUE OF 30,000 NEW SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

PURSUANT to Resolution the General Managers of A. S. Watson &amp; Co., Limited, hereby invite applications from the Shareholders of the Company for the issue of 30,000 new shares of \$10 each at a Premium of 10 per cent. or \$11 a share.

Each Registered Shareholder on the 28th day of September, 1904, applying for the New Issue will be entitled to one share for every two shares registered in his name.

Shares not applied for by those entitled to apply will be dealt with by the General Managers in accordance with Article 40 of the Company's Articles of Association.

Applications for Shares in the New Issue will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong from the 26th September, 1904, to the 30th September, 1904, both days inclusive, and the whole amount of \$11 per share will be payable on application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th September, 1904, to the 8th October, 1904, both days inclusive.

The present paid-up Capital of the Company is \$600,000, divided into 60,000 shares of \$10 each, and the New Issue is required to increase the Capital of the Company to \$900,000 divided into 90,000 shares of \$10 each.

The whole of the premium received from the New Issue will be placed to the Credit of the Permanent Reserve Fund.

The New Issue will rank for Dividend for the three months ending 31st December, 1904, payable in May, 1905.

Forms of application for the New Issue can be obtained at the Company's Offices in Alexandra Buildings or at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong, Shanghai, and London.

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Hongkong, 22nd June, 1904. [1546]

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1904. [2144]

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## REPORT OF AN EXPERT.

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PHYSIOLOGICAL INFLUENCE OF MAGNETISM—ATTRACTIVE EXPERIMENT—TEMPERING OF METALS—INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL—CARS FOR LIGHT TRAFFIC—STAR NEIGHBOURS—OLD AGE MICROBES—AN ANCIENT TIMEPIECE—ELEPHANT DWARF.

The experiments of C. Gutton, a French physicist, have shown that phosphorescence is increased by the action of a magnetic field. Phosphorescent substances prove very sensitive to magnetism, but only when the field is not uniform, and an intense but uniform field has no effect. The magnet has even been made to act upon the eye. Objects in an obscure chamber were dimly seen, and they appeared to become brighter when the magnet was brought near the eye. The X-rays, which also have this effect, were carefully screened off by lead-foil. Earlier attempts to find out whether a strong magnetic field affects the human body have given only negative results, and even a magnet large enough to admit the head between the poles showed no influence.

A simple and beautiful method of showing vortex rings is described by Robert E. Dorn of Cork. A bulb is blown at one end of a glass tube, and the open end is contracted to the thirtieth or fortieth of an inch in bore. Both bulb and tube are then completely filled with a 1 per cent. solution of common salt to which fluorescein has been added. The tube is clamped vertically over the centre of a tall cylinder filled with water, and when the water is at rest the tube is lowered until it just touches the surface. The vortex rings begin at once to descend.

A crystalline theory of structure is offered by G. T. Bell, a British experimenter, to explain the hard and soft states of metals. The ordinary condition is crystalline, when the metal is soft, but in sudden cooling there is no time for the molecules to fall into regular formation, and the resulting solid is amorphous and hard. The co-existence of crystalline and amorphous layers accounts for the variety of structure in malleable and ductile metals.

Germany's latest great national industry, now in its infancy, is the production of alcohol for technical purposes. In the world's total production of spirit in 1903, Dr. A. Wieder, of Prague, finds that Germany led with 22 per cent. the shares of Russia and Austria-Hungary being slightly less, while France and the United States together furnished 16 per cent. While technical applications, however, absorbed 38 per cent. of Germany's product, they used but 16 per cent. in France, and less than 6 per cent. in Great Britain. Germany's technical consumption reached 127,000,000 litres, of which 88,000,000 litres were applied for power, light and heat, and 21,000,000 litres were used in the chemical industries, and the demand is increasing at an extraordinary rate. One establishment in Berlin supplies spirit for 1,370 motors. The chief raw material is potatoes in Germany, Austria and Russia; rye in Great Britain, Italy and Spain; and fruit and grapes in France; while molasses is of some importance in France, Austria and Hungary.

Petroleum cars are being tested on portions of the State railways of Wurttemberg having a light traffic. The latest model has four cylinders, developing 30 horse-power, and can take a load of 14 passengers up grades of 1 per cent. at a speed of 16 miles an hour. It carries 100 kilogrammes of petroleum, which is sufficient for a run of 220 miles. The car weighs 12.5 tons, and its first cost is \$7,500, the running expenses being 58 cents per car per mile.

An attempt to calculate the probable actual distance between stars of known parallax has been made by Mr. J. E. Gore. Eta and Mu Cassiopeia, for example, appear to be separated by about one-fifteenth of their distance from the sun, increasing their apparent brilliancies 225 times; while the components of the double star 61 Cygni are so near together—about 55 times the distance of the sun from the earth—that they are 88 million times as bright to each other as to us.

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Old age is an infectious disease, which we may expect soon to be treated by a preventive serum, prolonging life. Such was the view expressed in the late Paris lecture of Dr. Menchikoff.

Sensibility, he explained, is produced by certain physiological states which cause the "macrophages," which are a benevolent species of microbes, to increase too rapidly, when they become injurious. These parasites flourish in the large intestine, which is possessed by mammals but is almost completely lacking in birds. The result was illustrated in the doctor's own dog and parrot, the former being decrepit at eighteen while the latter was Hale and lively at seventy. While the serum is being awaited, we are advised to eat curdled milk.

The clock of Peterborough Cathedral, of most primitive design, dates from 1320, and is the oldest now running in Great Britain. Its 300 feet of galvanized cable, supporting a leaden weight of 300 pounds, is wound up daily over a wooden wheel about 12 feet in circumference. The gong, which is the greatest tenor bell of the cathedral, weighs 3,200 pounds, and is struck hourly by an 80-pound hammer. There is no dial; but the time is indicated on the main wheel of the escapement, revolving once in two hours.

Extinct pygmy elephants and hippopotami have been found in several large islands of the

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